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The following is a list of abbreviations commonly used by examiners and toxicologists in the Section. This list has been generated to assist in the interpretation of case file notes and is not a standardized list of required abbreviations. While as comprehensive as possible, the list may not be complete. The abbreviations are appropriate written in either lower or upper case, with and without punctuation such as periods. Common chemical formulas, chemical, mathematical and shorthand abbreviations are equally acceptable and are not listed here. In all instances, abbreviations used in note taking should be readily interpretable in conjunction with the associated Certificate of Analysis.

Abbreviations Definitions accd accepted acetone ace acidic drugs acids alcohols/alcohol screen alc alprazolam alp alpraz alprazolam ami amitriptyline amitriptyline amit amitrip amitriptyline amphetamine amp amphetamine type drugs amps analysis anal **APAP** acetaminophen approx approximately **ASA** salicylate assault ass ave average fluorescence polarization immunoassay Axsym (a) barbs barbiturates bases basic drugs benzodiazepines benzos BE benzoylecgonine BE-d₃ benzoylecgonine d₃ blood bld bac blood alcohol content bldy bloody brn brain butal butalbital caffeine caff cal calibrator cannabs cannabinoids carbam carbamazepine carbon monoxide CO COD cause of death CE cocaethylene COC cocaine coc metab cocaine metabolite (benzoylecgonine)

codeine

compounds

confirmed confirmed

container

Cod

cpds

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mass spectrometer

metabolite methamphetamine

mass spectrometer detector

3,4 methylenedioxyamphetamine

MS MSD

metab

meth MDA

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